

Williamsburg Civic Association (WCA)
Minutes from the General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7:30 PM
Nottingham Elementary School

Call to Order

Howard McGowan, president of WCA was unable to attend the meeting, due to a continuing illness (Editor's note: It is with sadness to note that Howard passed away on Friday 5/18/07). Coral Gundlach, vice president and acting president of WCA since March, could not make it to the meeting. As per her request, Mark Moran chaired the meeting. In attendance from the WCA Executive Committee were Jim Toronto, treasurer, and Jim Finley, corresponding secretary. In the absence of Alex Lee, recording secretary, Jim Finley took minutes. Also in attendance were about 25-30 WCA members.

Program

1. Richard Tucker of the Arlington County Department of Planning presented an overview of the County's East Falls Church (EFC) Planning Study Process, including a map of proposed developments in the vicinity of the Metro station. The planning study will consider various alternatives for redevelopment of the area, including a transportation analysis that will consider all modes of travel within the study area. The transportation study component is funded with \$250,000 from VDOT. Mr. Tucker expects that the Williamsburg Civic Association will be offered one seat on a steering committee that will guide the effort.
2. Virginia Senator Mary Margaret Whipple reported on recent activities and accomplishments of the Virginia General Assembly. Her comments focused on developments on transportation issues, electrical power regulation, and affordable housing.
3. Ben Danforth of the law firm, Lawson, Tarter and Charvet presented a proposal for a pending zoning variance to subdivide and build on property at 2805 through 2815 N. Lexington Street. The proposal is large and complex and the membership agreed that more discussion and information were needed before they could reach an informed recommendation to the County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Concerned residents agreed to meet with the law firm and owner to explore details of the development. The members agreed by general consensus that if the neighbors could reach a consensus recommendation, it should be brought to the WCA Executive Committee for consideration as a WCA recommendation to the BZA.

Business Meeting

4. Mike Murtha, Nominating Committee Chair, presented a slate of 2007-2008 officers to the general membership. The slate was approved by voice vote. The following individuals were elected to twelve month terms, effective tonight:

President: Mark Moran
Vice President: Coral Gundlach
Treasurer: Jim Toronto
Recording Secretary: Alexander Lee
Corresponding Secretary: Jim Finley

5. Ann Rudd, WCA's Arlington Civic Federation Delegate, was not attendance to report on ACF activity. Mike Murtha reported that WCA sponsored a very successful pancake breakfast to celebrate Neighborhood Day on May 12.

6. Jim Toronto, Treasurer, did not provide a Treasurer's Report due to meeting time constraints.

7. Other Business

Mark Moran reminded members of the WCA listserv/email group hosted on Yahoo! Groups. Residents are provided current information on neighborhood concerns on this listserv. To sign up, follow the link on WCA's website: <http://www.wca-arlington.org/wcaListserv.html>

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned around 9:30 PM.